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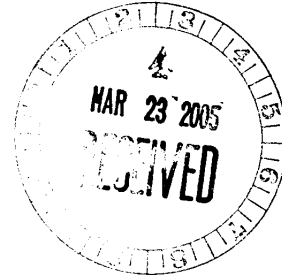
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RE: Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 2X), *New York Central Lines, LLC—* 213612
Abandonment Exemption—in Middlesex County, MA
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 594X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Discontinuance*
of Service Exemption—in Middlesex County, MA

Dear Secretary Williams:

The Town of Sherborn (Sherborn) and the Town of Holliston (Holliston) requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately 4.17 miles of railroad between milepost QBH-2.60 near Sherborn and milepost QBH-6.77 near Holliston, in Middlesex County, MA in the above-entitled proceedings. The current extension of the negotiating period expired on February 27, 2005. Even though the previous extension has expired, CSX Transportation, Inc., as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC ("CSXT") has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with Sherborn and Holliston, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with Sherborn and Holliston. CSXT respectfully requests the Board to reinstate and grant a six month extension of time to August 26, 2005 to negotiate trail use with Sherborn and Holliston. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to October 25, 2005.

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$350. Please time and date stamp a copy of this letter and return it with our messenger. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours,

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